

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
4040 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD, LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90712**

9:00 A.M., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2008

AGENDA

Each item on the agenda, no matter how described, shall be deemed to include any appropriate motion, whether to adopt a minute motion, resolution, payment of any bill, approval of any matter or action, or any other action. Items listed as "For Information" or "For Discussion" may also be the subject of an "action" taken by the Board or a Committee at the same meeting

1. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO AGENDA

Determine the need to add items to the agenda. In order for the Board to add an item to the agenda it must make a determination that: (i). The item came to the attention of the Board after the posting of the agenda; (ii). That there is a need for immediate action to be taken by the Board. If these two tests are met, the Board may add the item in question to the agenda for consideration consistent with the provisions of the Brown Act.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items are considered routine by the Board of Directors and will be adopted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately immediately following action on the remaining items.

A. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2008

B. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER REPLENISHMENT FINANCING CORPORATION

C. EXPENSES OVER 90 DAYS

Finance Committee Recommendation: Approve the expense reimbursements for payment.

10. **PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS RESOLUTION**
External Affairs Committee Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 08-838.
11. **WRD HISTORY REPORT**
Staff Recommendation: For information.
12. **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**
External Affairs Committee Recommendation: For information.
13. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**
14. **DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT**
15. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
16. **AB 1234 COMPLIANCE REPORTS AND DIRECTORS' REPORTS**
17. **WRD BOARD MEETING DATES**
 - A. January 16, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – Board of Directors Meeting
 - B. February 20, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – Board of Directors Meeting
 - C. March 20, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – Board of Directors Meeting
18. **CLOSED SESSION**
 - A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(a), California Water Service Company, et al. City of Compton, et al., Case No. 506 806
 - B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(a), Central and West Basin Water Replenishment District v. Charles Adams; L.A.S.C. Case No. 786,656
 - C. Public Employee Performance Evaluation, pursuant to Government Code §54957
Title: General Manager
19. **ADJOURNMENT**

Agenda posted by Abigail C. Andom, Deputy Secretary, December 16, 2008.

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**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2008
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California was held on October 17, 2008 at 9:08 a.m. in the District office located at 4040 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California. **President Robert Katherman** called the meeting to order. Deputy Secretary Abigail C. Andom recorded the minutes.

1. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

The President declared that a quorum of Directors was present, which in addition to himself included **Directors Sergio Calderon, Lillian Kawasaki, and Albert Robles.** **Director Willard H. Murray, Jr.** was excused.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jack Vander Linden, City of Torrance, led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2008**
- B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 15, 2008**
- C. DEMANDS – AUGUST 31, 2008**
- D. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – JUNE 30, 2008**
- E. INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2008**
- F. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 08- 834– A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ACTING IN BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL FUND, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL, THE**



MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 10

Prepared by: Abbie Andom

Reviewed by: Elsa Lopez

Approved by: Robb Whitaker

DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2008
TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS RESOLUTION

SUMMARY

At the October 28, 2008 External Affairs Committee meeting, the Committee directed District Counsel to prepare a resolution for Board approval expressing the intent of WRD to, when appropriate, have project labor agreements (PLA) for its construction projects. The External Affairs Committee met on December 12 and recommended adoption of the resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT

Unknown at this time.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 08-838.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-838

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ESTABLISHING A POLICY RELATING TO PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Water Replenishment District of Southern California ("District") recognizes the importance of ensuring optimum productivity and orderly performance of District construction projects; and

WHEREAS, a Project Labor Agreement is a pre-hire agreement designed to provide a safe, efficient and economical means of completing major construction projects; and

WHEREAS, the interests of the public are best served when construction projects are completed on schedule and within budget, Project Labor Agreements minimize cost overruns by preventing strikes, work stoppages, picketing, lobbying slowdowns and other interferences with work; and

WHEREAS, Project Labor Agreements contain a "no strike" clause and all workers agree to use a specific dispute resolution process to settle any controversies that may arise on a project; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the public to hire a skilled workforce to complete complex construction projects, Project Labor Agreements facilitate the hiring of the most of qualified construction personnel by establishing an employment process administered through local contractors and labor unions; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to establish uniform working rules and conditions to ensure the successful completion of major construction projects; through Project Labor Agreements, the District is able to work with local contractors and labor unions to stabilize wages, hours and working conditions for workers employed on a project; and

WHEREAS, Project Labor Agreements improve the quality of life for workers by offering better pay, health insurance and other benefits which translate into a better local economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. When deemed appropriate by the District's Board of Directors, the District will endeavor to enter into Project Labor Agreements for future major construction projects.

Section 2. The District Secretary shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS ___th day of _____ 2008 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Rob Katherman, President

ATTEST:

Willard H. Murray, Jr., Secretary

DATE